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This Account is extant in a Proceſs Printed at Delph, *by* John Andrea *Book-ſeller, and quoted by* Hoſpinian *in the following words.*

THE *Jeſuites* have ready prepa'rd (for having ſo much mony at command, they can take Leaſes where they pleaſe) ſeveral *Manſions of reſt and Beatitude*, ſo order'd by vertue of their Tranſcending Charms, ready hung, fitted and furniſh'd for the reception of thoſe *Ajaxe*'s, who being more ſtout then ſubtle, are by them drawn in and inveigled to the barbarous execution of what they more barbarouſly meditate and conſult. Thoſe deluded Villains, and Religious *Braves*, they bleſs, they ſanctifie, and canonize at length for Saints, aſſuming to themſelves a large Canton in Heaven for their reward.

The perſon whoſe ſilly reaſon the *Jeſuites* have once overcome with their more potent Arguments, is immediately conducted into their *Sactum Sanctorum*, deſign'd for prayer and meditation. There the *Dagger* is produc'd, choicely wrapt up in a linnen ſafeguard, enclos'd in an Ivory Sheath, engrav'd with ſeveral ænigmatical Characters, and accompanied with an *Agnus Dei*. Certainly a moſt monſtrous copulation, ſo unadviſedly to intermix the height of murdrous Villany, and the moſt ſacred emblem of meekneſs together.

This *Dagger* thus unſheath'd is hypocritically bedew'd with holy water, and the handle as ſoon adorn'd with a certain number of Coral Beads, thereby aſcertaining the credulous Fool, that as many effectual ſtabs as he gives the aſſaſinated Prince;

ſo many Souls he ſhould redeem out of Purgatory upon his own account. Then they deliver the *Dagger* into the *Paracide*'s hand, with a ſolemn recommendaton in theſe words, *Elected Son of God, receive this Sword of* Jephta, *the Sword of* Sampſon, *the Sword of* David *wherewith he ſmote off the head of* Goliah, *the Sword of* Gideon, *the Sword of* Judith, *the Sword of the* Maccabees, *the Sword of Pope* Julius *the ſecond, wherewith he freed himſelf from the proſecution of Princes, after he had defil'd ſeveral Cities with the effuſion of Chriſtian Blood; Go and proſper, prudently couragious, and the Lord ſtrengthen thy Arm.* Which words being once pronounc'd, they all fall upon their knees; at what time the Head of the Society pronounces this Exorciſm; *Attend O Cherubims, deſcend and be preſent O Seraphims, you Thrones, you Powers, you holy Angels come down, and fill this bleſſed Veſſel with eternal glory, and daily offer to him, 'tis but a ſmall reward, the Crown of the bleſſed Virgin* Mary, *and of all the holy Patriarchs and Martyrs.* He *is no more concern'd among us, he is now of your Celeſtial Fraternity.* And thou, *O God, moſt terrible and inacceſſible, who yet haſt reveal'd to this inſtrument of thine, in thy dedicated Place of our Prayer and Meditation, that ſuch a Prince is to be cut off as a Tyrant and a Heretick, and his Dominions to be tranſlated to another Line, confirm and ſtrengthen, we beſeech thee, this Inſtrument of thine, whom we have conſecrated and dedicated to that ſacred Office, that he may be able to accompliſh thy will. Grant him the Habergeon of thy Divine Omnipotency, that he may be enabled to eſcape the hands of his purſuers. Give him wings, that he may eſcape the hands of all that lye in wait for his deſtruction. Infuſe into his ſoul the beams of thy conſolation, to uphold and ſuſtain the weak fabrick of his body, that contemning all fear, he may be able to ſhew a chearful and lively countenance in the midſt of preſent torments, or prolong'd Impriſonments; and that he may ſing and rejoyce with a more than ordinary exultation, whatever death he undergoes.*

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This Exorciſm being finiſh'd, the Parricide is brought to the Altar, over which at that time hangs a picture containing the ſtory of *James Clement*, a *Dominican Monk*, with the figures of ſeveral Angels protecting and conducting him to Heaven. This Picture the Jeſuits ſhew their Cullie, and at the ſame time, preſenting him with a Celeſtial Coronet, rehearſe theſe words, *Lord, look down, and behold this Arm of thine, the Executioner of thy Juſtice. Let all thy Saints ariſe and give place to him.* Which Ceremonies being ended, there are only five Jeſuits deputed to converſe with, and keep the Parricide Company. Who in their common diſcourſe make it their buſineſs upon all occaſions to fill his ears with their divine wheedles, making him believe a certain celeſtial ſplendor to be ſhining in his countenance, by the beams whereof they are over-aw'd to throw themſelves down before him, and to kiſs his feet; appearing to them now no more a mortal, but transfigur'd into a Deity. And laſtly in a deep diſſimulation they bewail themſelves, and feign a kind of Envy at the happineſs and eternal Glory which he is ſo ſuddenly to enjoy, exclaiming thus before the Credulous Manſlayer; *Would to God the Lord had choſen me in thy ſtead, and had ſo ordered it by this means, that being freed from the pains of Purgatory, I might go directly without let, into Paradiſe.*

But if the perſon whom they imagine proper to attempt the Parricide prove any thing ſqueamiſh, or reluctant to their exhortations, then by nocturnal Scare-crows, and affrighting apparitions, or by the ſuborn'd appearances of the Holy Virgin, or ſome other of the Saints, even of *Ignatius Loyola* himſelf, or ſome of his moſt celebrated Aſſociates, they terrifie the ſoon retriev'd misbeliever into a complyance with a ready prepar'd Oath, which they inforce him to take, and wherewith they animate and encourage his ſtaggering Reſolution. Thus theſe villanous and impious Doctors in the Art of Murder and Parricide

ricide ſometimes by the terrors of puniſhment, ſometimes by the allurements of Merit enflame the courages of the unwary, and having entangled them in the noozes of ſacrilegious and bloody attempts, precipitate both ſoul and body into eternal condemnation.

Story mentions a ſort of People formerly notorious in the Eaſtern parts of the World, whom the moſt Hiſtorians call *Aſſaſſins*, that is to ſay, Murderers of Princes and Great Men. Theſe being followers of the *Mahometan* Religion, inſtituted a new Sect, of which the firſt Founder was *Aloadim*, accounted a Saint and a Prophet by thoſe of his own Gang. This Order ſoon began to flouriſh, being more remarkable than any other of the *Mahometan* Belief, for the beauty of their Colledges, and the pleaſantneſs of their Habitations. Which were confirm'd upon them with large Endowments, for the Inſtruction of Youth in the *Mahometan* Profeſſion, among whom they had the priviledge to cull out the boldeſt Reſolutions, and the choiceſt Fancies.

The principal Tenents of this Sect were theſe;

1. That *Mahomet* was the Prophet of God, the Reſtorer of loſt Mankind, and the Rewarder of Good and Evil.

2. That the Chief and Prince of this Sect was his Vicar upon Earth, the only Interpreter of the Divine and Humane Law deliver'd by *Mahomet*.

3. That it was juſt and legal to kill and murder all Princes, that were not obedient in all things to him, either by open Force, or private Contrivance, as opportunity offer'd.

4. That his Diſciples were not bound or oblig'd in their Allegiance to any Prince, whatever Oaths they took to be true to Him.

5. That Paradiſe was a Garden flowing with milk and hony, and abounding in all manner of ſenſual pleaſures and delights.

6. That whoſoever ſhould kill any Prince, an Enemy to their

their Law, ſhould enjoy the next place in Paradiſe, to *Mahomet* himſelf.

7. That it was in the power of this Vicar of *Mahomet*, by a particular Grant or Patent from *Mahomet*, to diſtribute and ſhare the joys of Paradiſe, to ſuch as he ſhould think deſerving.

With theſe peſtilent, and abominable maxims, did they leven and corrupt the education of all the Youth that came within their Clutches, to render them the more obedient to their Principles, and to make them the more undaunted in ſuch dangerous attempts which they themſelves ſhould put them upon. The particular Diſciples of this Doctrine, being firſt ſtupified with a potion of *Opiate*, were carried into a Garden adjoyning to the Colledge, where, when they awak'd again, all ſorts of delights and pleaſures waited on them. Streams of Honey, Wine and Milk; variety of Muſick, ſumptuous Garments, and coſtly Proviſion to pleaſe the Palate; neither were lovely Women wanting; all which pleaſures they enjoy'd to full ſatiety. Afterwards when they had had a full enjoyment of all theſe pleaſures, they were again laid aſleep with another draught of *Opiate*, and carried back into the Colledge. When they came to themſelves again (to uſe the words of *Paulus Venetus*) and call'd to mind what pleaſures they had for ſo ſmall a time enjoy'd, they began to be troubled that thoſe pleaſures were too ſhort. But being inſtructed upon what account they might enjoy them to Eternity, they began to be in love with death, and to contemn all thoughts of danger that ſhould bring them to theſe everlaſting pleaſures, of which they had had ſuch a tranſitory taſte already. Then their Doctor, who feign'd himſelf to be the Prophet of God, laying hold of the opportunity; *Be but prepar'd*, ſaid he, *in obedience to me, to ſuffer Death undauntedly when occaſion ſhall ſerve, and you ſhall eternally enjoy thoſe pleaſures, which were here too ſhort.* Upon which,

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willingly condescend, and swear to obey him in all things, whatever he shall enjoyn, though to the loss of their Lives. And thus this Tyrant over Souls, animates and instigates these credulous admirers of sensual Pleasure, to commit the most Execrable Murthers, and Villanies that Revenge or Interest can contrive. Thus far *Paulus Venetus*, with whom *Nicetas Choniates* agrees in these words, They go and reside as Friends and Subjects of those Princes, whom they are design'd to murther, and feigning private business, or the publick imployment of Envoys or Embassadors, in secret Conference dispatch the Prince appointed for the slaughter; never considering the difficulty of the attempt, nor the severe punishment of such an abominated Crime: And this they do to render themselves formidable to all men; and that none should dare to withstand their Fury. Whereby it came to pass, that many Regions and Princes became Tributary to this Tyrant, till he was by the *Tartars* put to death for a false Prophet, and all the whole crew of Homicides quite extinguish'd in the Year 1262.

The same Education do the *Jesuits* give their Scholars in all their Schools and Colledges, inflaming the Courages of their Disciples to all acts of impious Violence and Villany, under the specious pretence of doing God good service; which being once imprinted in a mind, animated with the hopes of eternal happiness, is enough to guide the rash hand of Impiety to the Sacred Breast of the greatest Prince in the World.

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